

January 20, 2009
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN
PALM SPRINGS BRANCH
BRANCH BOARD MEETING
DESERT FALLS COUNTRY CLUB
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Officers/Chairs present: Audrey Moe, Marge Dodge, Pat Dugas, Kathy Bjork, Carol Mann, Judy Fabris, Anice Schwartz, Joan Petit-Clair, Rachel Druten

Handouts distributed:

Audrey Moe – Plan for Membership Meeting on March 17, 2009

Marge Dodge – Upcoming Programs and Special Events Report

Financial Report re: The Desert Pen Woman Book and Art Fair

The Desert Sun article re: the Book and Art Fair

CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Foundation Form

Woman of Distinction Planning Meeting Schedule

Pat Dugas – Monthly Newsletter Publication Procedures (first draft)

Kathy Bjork – Treasurer's Report

Judy Fabris – Correspondence Report

President's call for motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2008. So moved by Judy Fabris, seconded by Marge Dodge. Approved. (Because The Desert Pen Woman Book and Art Fair replaced the regular December meeting, there are no minutes for the month of December.)

Board Reports

- Marge Dodge – VP Program
 - January Program – **Ruth Nolan, poet and editor**, will speak on poetry, followed by a poetry workshop. Workshop fee is \$30.00. Half of the proceeds from the workshops benefit the Scholarship Fund.
 - February Program – **Roger Isabell, photo artist**, will discuss creating floral photographs with his unique photography technique followed by a workshop using samples which demonstrate this technique.
 - April Program – **Woman of Distinction in the Arts 2009 – Sunday, April 19, 2009, at the IW Club in Indian Wells**. Four Honorees have been selected but not confirmed: Betty Francis, Valerie Mahabir, Denise Roberge, Kim Waltrip. At the January General Meeting, their names will be announced and Volunteer sign-up sheets will be circulated along with a card of WOD meeting dates and location. (The WOD event replaces the April General Meeting.)
 - Financial Report from the December 6, 2008, Desert Pen Woman Book and Art Fair. Event netted \$311.33. Complete report on file with President, VP Program and Recording Secretary.

- Pat Dugas – VP Newsletter
 - Handout of Newsletter Publication Procedures to be reviewed by the Board.
 - Submission deadline – 22nd of the month
 - Two day proof reading period
 - President will ask for a volunteer to do WHOOS NEWS Column at the January General Meeting.
 - Community Events included in BULLETIN BOARD are the decision of the editor.

- Kathy Bjork – Treasurer
 - BOH as of 1/20/09 is approximately \$6000.00.
 - Complete report on file with Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

- Carol Mann – Recording Secretary
 - Addressed By-Laws: Article IV – Section 6; Article V – Section 1

- Judy Fabris – Corresponding Secretary

- Cards have been sent to Audrey Moe and Roberta Dinow. A card will be sent to Virginia Cummings.
- Anise Schwartz – Historian
 - Pictures needed for historical record.
- Joan Petit-Clair – Reservations
 - 21 reservations including the speaker have been made for the January Luncheon.

Old Business

- Summary for Desert Pen Woman Book And Art Fair – Marge Dodge
 - Evaluative discussion on conducting an event of this type.
 - A special “Thank you” to all who assisted. Kudos to Kathy Bjork for the handling of reservations.
 - Newspaper article by Betty Francis about the event distributed to Board.
- CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Foundation Participation – Marge Dodge
 - Should the Branch make a gift to the CSUSB PD Campus Foundation in support of scholarship? After discussion and vote, approved.

New Business

- March Membership Event – Audrey Moe
 - Event is March 17, 2009, 5pm to 7pm, at the home of Rachel Druten.
 - \$15.00 per person, prospective members free
 - Members encouraged to bring new prospects.
 - Membership brochures and forms to be on hand at this event.
 - Handout contains further particulars. Possible addition of music or entertainment.
 - Volunteers needed.
 - Publicity for the event to appear in the February newsletter.
 - Because this event replaces the regular March General Meeting and Luncheon on March 17th, the regular Board meeting for Tuesday, March 17, will take place at 9:30 a.m., tentatively to be held at the Berger Center.

- Short Story Contest
 - Should the Branch conduct a Short Story Contest? After discussion and vote, not approved.
- Field Trip to Cabot Museum
 - Thursday, January 22, 2009, 10:30 a.m.
 - Reminder announcement of the event will be done at the General Meeting. A sign-up sheet will be circulated.

President called for motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. So moved by Joan Petit-Clair, seconded by Judy Fabris.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mann

Recording Secretary